
Our Vision:

A primary resource that promotes substance abuse prevention education for a safe and healthy community.

Our Mission:

To reduce and prevent youth substance use/misuse by increasing community collaboration, engage youth in pro-social activities, provide education, training and leadership support to parents, youth and businesses and to build a healthy, safe and drug free community.

Our Goals:

Increase Community Collaboration:

Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit, state, federal and local agencies to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.

Reduce Youth Substance Use:

Reduce substance use among youth and over time reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. The current data shows education and awareness are still needed to reduce substance use among our youth. We will continue to provide education on alcohol and drugs, bring awareness to youth, parents and others and to work toward a common goal of being a safe, healthy and drug free community.

The Drug-Free Communities Support Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the Nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

We are looking for volunteers/partners to be a part of the Drug-Free Coalition. If you would like to partner with us in making a difference in our community, helping to work toward reducing youth substance abuse, assisting in workgroups or projects for educating youth, parents and the community, please contact Mona Franklin at 770-761-9244/mona@rockdalecoalition.org or LaTrenda George at 678-910-5952/Latrenda@rockdalecoalition.org.

Please visit us on Facebook at Rockdale Drug-Free Community Coalition @rockdale.dfc and Twitter @Rockdale_DFC. Please visit our website at www.rockdalecoalition.org/drug-free for important information.

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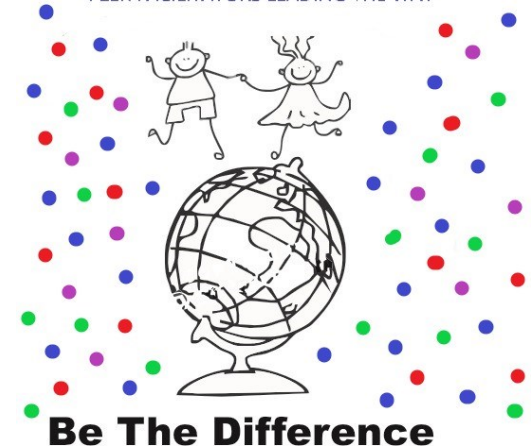


Rockdale DFC Coalition

Making a difference in the lives of our youth



PEER FACILITATORS LEADING THE WAY



Stomp Out Substance Abuse Among Youth



Drug-Free Community Coalition

The DFC is a coalition of interested individuals/agencies working together to promote a drug-free healthy environment. The DFC provides leadership, education and resources to prevent and address substance use among youth. We partner with local restaurants and convenient stores to support a 100% ID check to help in preventing youth from purchasing alcohol. We provide educational material on age requirements and how to spot a fake ID.

The Coalition Advisory Board is comprised of 12 key community stakeholders of the local community to include law enforcement, youth serving organizations, education, state and local government, healthcare professions, faith, business, youth, parents, media and community based agencies.

Prevention is the responsibility of everyone in the community. The coalition addresses a critical need for drug prevention as these are direct issues that can exhaust our county's resources. Every child should have the opportunity to grow up drug-free. To accomplish this, we conduct nationally recognized family strengthening services, evidence-based programs for youth, capacity building with communities, training and technical assistance, and public awareness campaigns.



Who We Are

The purpose of RCPS Peer Facilitation is to train and certify students as peer facilitators or leaders in Rockdale County Schools. Students gain critical life skills through training and practice in the eight peer helping/communication skills. Additionally, the course will help peer facilitators/helpers learn problem-solving techniques, decision-making strategies, and basic concepts of human behavior as they relate to helping others (i.e. peer tutoring, assistance, listening, and conflict resolution). Additionally, students will be provided the opportunity to complete modules in the areas of office procedures, child abuse tutoring, sexual harassment, mandated reporting, ethics, suicide prevention, mediation, bullying prevention, and self-harm. In addition, students have the opportunity to receive community service hours at a specific school site. Rockdale County Peer Helpers' course is a Certified Peer Program through the National Association of Peer Program Professionals (www.peerprograms.org) and demands the highest commitment to the standards of the program.

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Priority Area's for the Rockdale DFC Coalition

Education: The main focus of substance abuse education is teaching individuals about drug and alcohol abuse. Knowledge is power and with accurate information about substance abuse, young people will be more likely to make better choices. We provide education on alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs and bring awareness to the harm they could cause to our families, youth and community. Effective education is the most cost efficient method since preventing the problem will save valuable resources.

Advocacy: We advocate for a drug-free community and school system. We support and promote a safe, healthy, drug-free community.

Enforcement: We support our local and state law enforcement. We partner with them to educate our business owners and bring awareness to employees and store managers/owners, helping to increase their knowledge about alcohol and young people. We encourage 100% ID check to ensure minors are not purchasing alcohol.

Awareness: We believe that if all of us take just one step, we will change this situation far quicker than we can imagine. Working to raise awareness about alcohol and drugs will result in strong protections for our children.

Collaboration: We collaborate with local and state agencies as well as those in surrounding counties who have a common goal of building a safe, healthy and drug free community.